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After the War.
Parliament meets tomorrow and English interest is somewhat diverted from the field of fighting even in the panic caused by Buller's disastrous defeat, just reported, to speculate as to the probable bearing of the session upon the war and upon the situation. Some extremists are forecasting the downfall of the Salisbury government in consequence of the reverses which the British forces have suffered and the blunders of management and preparation. More conservative estimates do not go so far, for it is recognized that one of the worst mistakes the English people could make now would be to change ministries in the midst of a trying struggle, the outcome of which is by no means certain.

It is rather more likely that the reckoning will come later when the record is fully made up and when the obvious mistakes of Chamberlain and some of his colleagues will be observable and measurable in the light of the entire procedure. A confident understanding is settling down upon men's minds just now that as soon as the business of the war is finished, with whatever result, a storm will break upon the devoted head of the secretary of state for the colonies, largely paralleled in English history.

For it is virtually accepted now that the entire defense of the Boers and their magnificent strategy in offense have insured them such consideration in the ultimate adjustments that England will secure little if any more than the advantages of a victory. The Boers in their last proposition to Chamberlain. That is to say, it seems assured now that in no event will the Boer organization be destroyed, but that the republic will be permitted to retain their entire, with the outlanders upon a definite basis of prospective citizenship.

Should this be the result of all the sacrifices and agonies of the English people it is not difficult to imagine the storm of execration centering about Chamberlain as the man who maneuvered the nation into a fruitless and desperately costly war. Of course Lord Salisbury cannot escape his share of the responsibility as the head of the ministry, without whose acquiescence the negotiations could not have been carried to the point of rupture. Just who the opposition will put forward as a leader when the crisis comes cannot be foretold. It is unimportant in the terms of the present situation. The one definite fact clearly written in prophecy on the walls is that this war will whirl Joseph Chamberlain from power, establish the liberal party and give English politics a new series of issues upon which to divide for the next generation.

Ohio Statistics.
The figures as to the shipments of butter from the last fiscal year, submitted to the House Saturday by Secretary Gage in answer to a resolution of inquiry, will doubtless be exploited in committee during the consideration of one or another of the pending oleo bills. In their present shape the statistics do not wholly reveal the true inwardness of this traffic. It will be interesting to learn from authorities how much of the 76,000,000 pounds of oleo probably passed over counters as pure butter, at the present prices. It may be noted that this showing can be made with any degree of exactness, for the precise extent of the oleo fraud is only a matter of surmise. Yet it is known to be widespread. But it will be possible to ascertain what proportion of this total shipment went into states or territories which have prohibitory laws. That fact can readily be shown by an examination of the statistics.

The proposition before the committees is whether it is possible to tax and regulate the manufacture and sale of these butter imitations as to protect the people from fraud. The premium upon deceit is at present very high. Can the tax be so fixed that neither the wholesaler nor the retailer will be tempted to sell the stuff as butter at better prices? It would seem fair, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, will doubtless be exploited in committee during the consideration of one or another of the pending oleo bills. In their present shape the statistics do not wholly reveal the true inwardness of this traffic. It will be interesting to learn from authorities how much of the 76,000,000 pounds of oleo probably passed over counters as pure butter, at the present prices. It may be noted that this showing can be made with any degree of exactness, for the precise extent of the oleo fraud is only a matter of surmise. Yet it is known to be widespread. But it will be possible to ascertain what proportion of this total shipment went into states or territories which have prohibitory laws. That fact can readily be shown by an examination of the statistics.

Leakage of the Consolidation.
A majority of the street railroads of the District are at present under a consolidated ownership and management, their charters being held by a central corporation representing both local and foreign capital. The beneficial effect of this consolidation upon the public has already been felt, a transfer system having been adopted which has greatly increased the value of a car ticket to the average passenger and given him access to a single fare in a wider range of territory than was ever before similarly opened. Another consequence of the combination of charters has been the pressing of work on the rapid transit reconstruction of the last remaining horse car lines, until the day is in sight when Washington will possess a thoroughly modern street railway system, operating upon a basis of maximum benefit to the people. At the same time another corporation holds such franchises under good management that almost direct competition is ensured between two powerful rivals for the public patronage.

Such an end is served by the bill offered in the Senate today by Senator McMillan, which deserves prompt and thorough consideration. It legalizes the consolidation of the street railway business of Washington. While virtually wiping out the separate existences of the various corporations, it specifically preserves all the franchises heretofore imposed by law upon any and all of them and thus protects the public interests by holding fast to all the requirements exacted from the lines in times past.

One feature of the bill may require particular examination and consideration. This is the clause which enables any of the individual lines specified in the bill to be consolidated by the "syndicate" to enter into contracts with any other street railroad company operating in the District for the use of its lines. This leaves wide open the way to a further consolidation which would destroy all competition and vest the entire street railway business in a single corporation. It remains to be decided whether, first, there is any likelihood of such a final consolidation under this blanket authorization; second, whether such a consolidation is desirable, so far as it is acceptable to the people of the District. It may be that the District committees or the houses will see fit to eliminate this clause, confining the consolidation power to the roads already held by the syndicate, which represent all not held by the Capital Traction Company. It may even be that the houses will see fit to go further and provide specifically against the union of these two great rivals for the public patronage, by specific enactment. In any event, however, with this possible exception, the bill represents the climax of an operation which has already greatly benefited the people of Washington and stands to afford even more positive benefits in the future, as the full fruits of a modern equipment and an intelligent management with a well-guarded competition are enjoyed by the riding public.

Discord.
As a leader, in the sense of possessing energy, aggressiveness, and personal attractiveness, Mr. Bryan ranks high. He gave the country a taste of his quality in 1896. But he is also a harmonizer? Can he bring together brethren who are seriously divided, so that it will be possible for them to dwell together in unity again? Such a task is now before him, and a great deal depends upon how he succeeds with it, or whether success is possible.

Bourke Cockran is a gold democrat, but will support Mr. Bryan this year on one condition. All he asks is that anti-expansion be made the dominant issue of the campaign. He does not object to the re-affirmation of the Chicago platform, but he wants it distinctly understood that that instrument is no more acceptable to him now than it was four years ago when he formally repudiated it. Reaffirm it, but keep it in the background. Let the note against expansion be loud and full.

Henry Watterson is a gold democrat, but will support Mr. Bryan this year on any platform. He has very definite ideas, however, about what the democratic platform should be. He considers that the free silver issue is done for. He urges earnestly that expansion be declared for. Expansion, in his opinion, is both a democratic policy and a national necessity, and, if the party declares against it, it will go to certain defeat. Mr. Watterson and Mr. Cockran are together on the money issue, but are as far apart as the poles on expansion.

Senator Morgan is a silver democrat, and wants the Chicago platform reaffirmed and kept to the front. But he is an expansionist, and advises against any change of attitude with regard to the money question. American sovereignty should be protected and maintained in all of them. Any other policy would be, in his opinion, not only a mistake, but the costliest of mistakes. He advises, therefore, in favor of a declaration of expansion.

Senator Jones of Arkansas is a silver democrat, and wants the Chicago platform reaffirmed. But he is against expansion, and wants his party to declare against it. He will urge such a declaration be made by the democratic national convention.

Senator Teller is a silver republican, and if the Chicago platform is not reaffirmed he will not support the democratic nominee. Silver, in his opinion, is still the overshadowing issue. As to expansion, his position is conservative. But the policy of scuttling the Atkinsonian policy is repugnant to him.

Senator Pettigrew is a silver republican, and wants the Chicago platform reaffirmed. He is also an extreme anti-expansionist. He is the senatorial mouthpiece of the Aguinaldo Aid Society. He is as much opposed to Mr. Morgan on the expansion question as to Mr. Cockran and Mr. Watterson on the money question.

Count de Castilleja's clothes are attracting a great deal of attention. His wife may be a little exacting in matters of political ambitions, but it cannot be denied that she dresses her husband nicely.

Oom Paul probably has no doubts whatever of being able to enlist a great deal of European sympathy in case he demonstrates his ability to win on his own account.

Mr. Goebel is hanging on with the pertinacity of a man who is doubtful about ever getting another chance.

fore the echoes of his malicious comment have died away. It suffices here to note that all the evidence in the case shows that there were no bunkier fires on the Maine when she was last inspected, a very few hours before the explosion, and that it is absolutely impossible that such a fire could develop and cause sufficient heat to explode the magazines between the time of inspection and the time of destruction.

It will require a more authoritative declaration than that of the Canadian essayist and historian to convince the English people that the United States rushed to war upon an error of judgment and a mistake of fact. It remains true, as well, that while the war with Spain was doubtless hastened by some months by the destruction of the Maine, it was nevertheless inevitable and the net result would have been the same had the Maine remained to participate in the splendid performances of the American navy.

The chief effect of a rancorous comment like that in the Speaker is to cast a deep discredit upon the writer and to place in extreme jeopardy whatever prestige he has attained through his previously scholarly reviews of men and events.

The new Emperor of China has a great advantage inasmuch as his youth will enable him to escape the usual fate of a monarch instead of having him beheaded.

A glance at the news should convince Aguinaldo of the absurdity of comparing the Filipinos with the Boers in any respect.

London is hopefully awaiting a change from the reports that the army marched up a kopje and then marched down again.

SHOOTING STARS.
Nothing at All to Say.
"It seems to me," said the diplomat, "that there is something to be said on both sides of this question."

"Maybe so," answered the Boer general. "But you'll have to get somebody else to say it. I'm not talking these days."

Rebution.
The boy who throws the snow ball now at venerable folk.
One day his punishment shall find.
On him will be the joke.

For he'll grow up in course of time to dwell together in unity again? Such a task is now before him, and a great deal depends upon how he succeeds with it, or whether success is possible.

Easily Managed.
"Suppose," said one trust promoter, "that this suggestion to ostracize is adopted. What'll we do?"

"That's easily managed," answered the other. "We'll retaliate. If they do that we won't send 'em any invitations to participate in our pay rolls."

Better So.
"It's very likely," said the statesman, pensively, "that getting rid of that man from Utah facilitated congressional business very much."

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